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Video appears to show IDF soldiers sexually abusing Palestinian detainee

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CCTV broadcast by an Israeli television channel allegedly shows IDF soldiers leading away a prisoner before sexually abusing the person behind their shields.



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An Israeli television channel has broadcast CCTV footage allegedly showing Israel Defence Forces (IDF) soldiers sexually abusing a

with their hands on the backs of their heads.

Palestinian detainee. The video shows dozens of prisoners lying face down on the floor

One of the prisoners is led away to a discreet corner. Three soldiers then appear to use shields to block the view.

Only a metre or so away, a military dog on a lead can be seen barking fiercely at the prisoner.

The incident, which is said to have taken place at the Sde Teiman prison in July, has been severely criticised by the White House as "deeply concerning" and should be fully investigated.



The US State Department spokesman Matthew Miller was asked

about the video and said: "We have seen the video, and reports of sexual abuse of detainees are horrific. They ought to be investigated fully by the government of Israel, by the IDF. "There ought to be zero tolerance for sexual abuse, rape of any

"If there are detainees who have been sexually assaulted or raped, the government of Israel, the IDF, need to fully investigate those

detainee, period.

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actions and hold anyone responsible accountable to the full extent of the law," he said.

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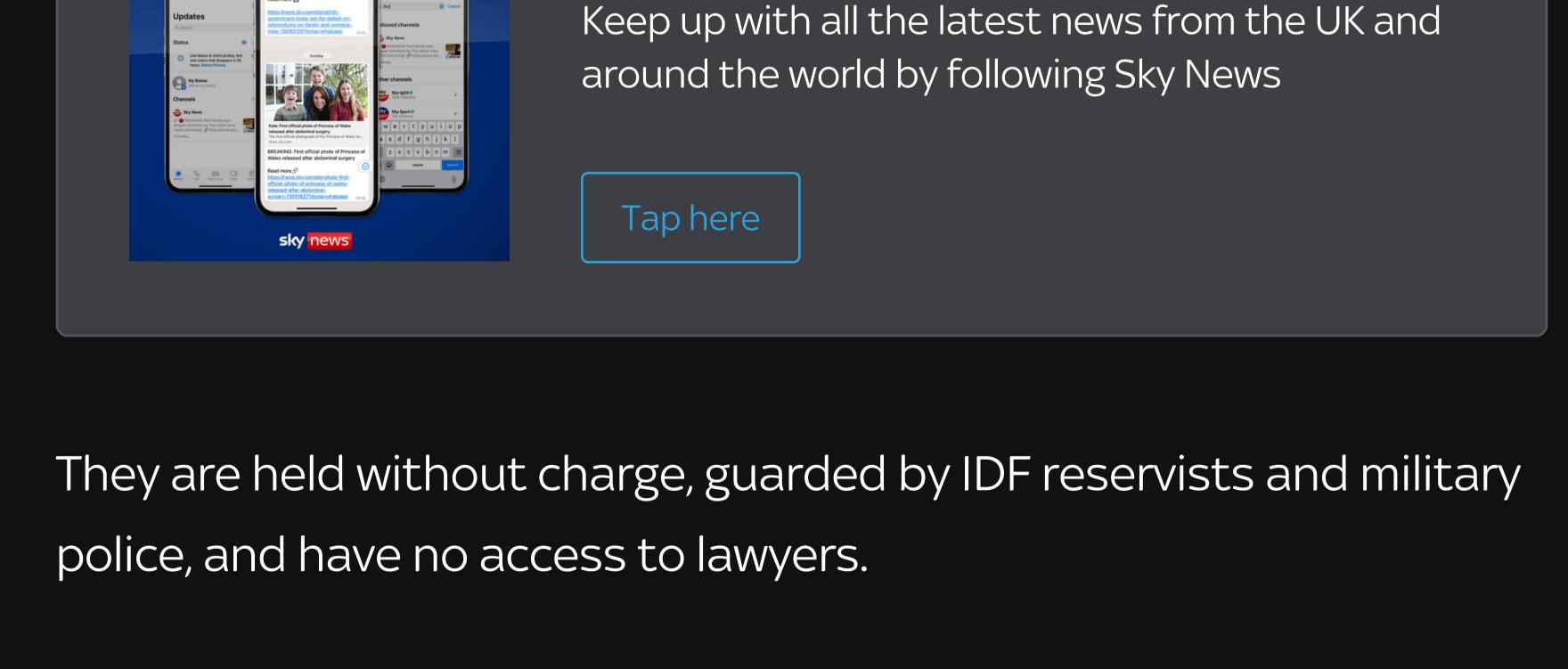
The United Nations also urged a "full-scale investigation" and

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violations of the rights of Palestinians detained by Israel including acts of ill-treatment, torture, sexual violence, and rape". The facility, in Israel's Negev region, is holding many Gazans suspected of participating in or aiding the 7 October attacks.

referenced "a number of videos in recent months which show gross

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In recent weeks, there have been reports that some of the prisoners were raped by guards.

demanding the release of nine soldiers arrested on suspicion of abuse.

An IDF spokesperson said: "Following suspected substantial abuse

Riots broke out and the prison was stormed by far-right Israelis

of a detainee held in the Sde Teiman detention facility, based on the order of the Military Advocate General's Corps a MPCID investigation was opened. "Nine suspects who were at the base were detained for questioning

on suspicion of serious abuse of a detainee. The suspects were

transferred for questioning by the military police."

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